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Dear Dr. Perkins:

Your letter regarding *Neurospora crassa* arrived this morning. In 1936 I took over a project which Dr. North had started, but turned it over to me when he took a better job. The stocks came from Dr. Lee Bonner who was teaching mycology at the time. I am under the impression that the original cultures came from Dr. B.O. Dodge of New York. I just called Dr. Bonner on the telephone at his house. He is Professor Emeritus now and only comes down to the campus occasionally. Since he taught mycology he had a number of genera. He said he could not remember a thing about the *Neurospora* cultures.

While I had taken courses in mycology, my research had been with seed plants. I had to learn the *Neurospora* work from the beginning. Since Dr North had been working with *N. tetrasperma* I continued with that species. I soon realized the limitations of *N. tetrasperma* and tried to secure other species. The cultures which the Botany Department had in stock had gone sterile. I tried other sources but was not successful at first.

Dr. George W. Beadle came to my laboratory and I gave me the cultures which I had in stock, but he also found that they were unsatisfactory. I understand that he obtained some cultures from Dr Carl C. Lindegren.

Your best source of information would be from either Dr. Beadle or Dr. Lindegren or possibly Dr. Tatum. I would be glad to help, but simply do not have the data.

I am enclosing some ancient reprints, which reflect the early days of genetics, and also show how administrators shift one from one subject to another.

My *Neurospora* thesis is in the Biology library, but is probably not of much interest now. In case anyone wants to borrow it the Library Borrowing service is in Room 307 in the Main Library. It was 412 pages in length and would cost quite a bit of postage. It might be easier for one to stop at the Biology Library, where one can read it in the library.

The *Neurospora* have kindly sent me their Newsletter, and I regret that conditions were not favorable for continuing the work. If I can be of any further assistance please feel free to write.

Very sincerely,

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